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### LANDINGS AT BOSTON FISH PIER DURING MARCH

An average price of \$3.82 per hundred pounds was paid for the 26,523,000 pounds of fish--spread among 18 classifications--landed during March at the Boston Fish Pier and sold through the New England Fish Exchange.

These figures show an increase of 4,098,000 pounds in volume and a decrease of only 12 cents per hundred weight in value, compared with the previous month, according to the March summary report released today by the Boston Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

When compared with the total catch for the corresponding period in 1940, the figures for March 1941 indicate an increase of 8,106,000 pounds, or 44 percent, in volume. The average price for March 1940, however, of \$4.36 per hundred pounds is 74 cents higher than for March of this year.

The March 1941 catch, which was the result of an even 500 trips to inshore and offshore banks, was worth about \$1,013,000 to the fishermen, while during the same period in 1940, the catch--landed in 430 trips--was worth \$210,000 less, however, or about \$803,000.

In 217 trips, offshore vessels brought in 24.1 million pounds of the total, spread among 17 classifications, at an average price of \$3.83 per hundred weight. Inshore craft, in 283 trips, landed about 2.4 million pounds, consisting of 17 classifications, bringing \$3.62 for an average.

From offshore vessels, haddock (8.2 million pounds at an average price of \$4.37 per hundred weight); large cod (5.5 million pounds at \$3.31); haddock scrod (4.8 million pounds at \$3.43); market cod (2.7 million pounds at \$3.54); and pollock (1.2 million pounds at \$3.83), were the most abundant species during March.

Sea scallops brought the month's highest average--from offshore landings--at \$24.45, with halibut second at \$17.83, and lemon sole third at \$12.92.

Inshore craft landed 1.5 million pounds of rosefish (at \$2.94) in greatest quantity. Market cod (292,000 pounds, at \$4.03); large cod (167,000 pounds, at \$4.20); gray sole (142,000 pounds, at \$5.85); and haddock (100,000 pounds, at \$5.82), followed in that order.

Halibut brought the month's highest average at \$27.52 per hundred pounds, landed by inshore vessels.

Peak of vessel traffic into Boston occurred on Monday, March 17, when 41 vessels landed with 2,397,000 pounds.

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